



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a jammed packed half term across the school with our children and classrooms buzzing with excitement and new learning!! The children have settled into their routines beautifully and have been exceptional as they move through the corridors when going to assembly, break and lunch. We are so proud of you, well done everyone!!!

Welcoming our Reception children and parents to the Danson Family

I would also like to extend a very special welcome to all our new Reception children and families who have joined the Danson community. The children have been absolutely wonderful throughout their staggered start sessions and have settled into school life beautifully. It was lovely to see so many parents joining us for our Stay and Play sessions and having the opportunity to share in their children's learning.

A huge well done to all our Reception children for the confidence and independence they have developed throughout their first half term! From finding their way around the school and learning new routines to making the exciting journey to the canteen or assembly hall for PE (quite an adventure for our youngest learners! 😊), they have embraced every new experience with enthusiasm and growing confidence.

You are all superstars, and we couldn't be prouder of you!

School Elections

During our first weeks back, the children have been busy putting their democratic vote to good use and selecting our new Council Representatives (please see below). Congratulations to our newly elected officials!

Parent Information Afternoons

Thank you to all our parents for attending these sessions throughout the first few weeks of our term. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the teachers and office staff and premises for preparing each session.

Phonics Workshop

It was wonderful to host so many parents for our Year 1 phonics workshop. It was great to hear how helpful you found the session and we are glad you enjoyed learning more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child's reading at home. Your involvement and support play such an important role in your child's learning journey, and we really appreciate you taking the time to join us. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Miss Tuffley

Egg-citing times in Year 2!

What a treat we had in Year 2 when we accepted a delivery of hens' eggs in the middle of September. Within a few days, we were greeted by our first little chick, and over the following two days another nine chicks hatched. The children observed the chicks' growth carefully, keeping a diary of what they noticed. Children observed that the chicks were initially damp-looking and slow-moving, but later they became fluffy, noisy and very active, jumping on top of each other and even standing in their own food and water.

After spending their first ten days with us, the rapidly growing chicks were collected and taken off to their new home in Cambridgeshire where they were able to meet the turkeys, geese and other chickens that call the smallholding home.

Hatching the chicks was such a valuable first-hand learning experience for the children where they learned about animal life cycles and the basic survival needs of animals. We certainly observed just how quickly the offspring of a chicken grows!



Mrs McLaren

Choctastic Times!!

Year 5 stepped into the delicious world of history and food during an unforgettable visit from The Chocolate Museum, which perfectly brought our current class topic on the ancient Maya to life. The children travelled back in time to discover the origins of cocoa, learning that the Maya did not eat chocolate in sweet bars, but instead revered cacao as a divine gift from the gods. They consumed it as a hot, bitter, and frothy drink mixed with water, chilli, and cornmeal, and valued the beans so highly that they even used them as actual currency. The students explored how cacao trees thrive in rainforest climates and



followed the incredible journey of how these beans are harvested, fermented, and processed to create the chocolate we know and love today.

The excitement continued as the children put their tastebuds to the test, comparing dark chocolate against milk and white varieties to see how cocoa percentages change the flavor. Lastly, the children started rolling out creamy milk and white chocolate, coating them in rich chocolate, and adding creative toppings to make their very own chocolate truffles. Every student got to carefully wrap up their handmade creations to take home. It was a fantastic day and the children loved every minute!



Mr Bowers

Black History Month

At Danson, we always celebrate Black History Month and this year has been no exception. Our chosen focus this year was black scientists who have had an impact on all of our lives. Each year group researched and presented information about a different scientist. Our early years and key stage 1 children enjoyed getting involved.

Reception looked at Katherine Johnson, a scientist who played a huge role in the space race, Year 1 enjoyed finding out more about Dame Elizabeth Anionwu from the field of nursing and Year 2 studied Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a space scientist and educator who fulfilled her dream despite facing challenges in her life such as dyslexia. In key stage 2, Year 3 found out about the life and achievements of George Washington Carver, an agricultural scientist who revolutionised crop growing techniques, Year 4 looked at Dr Jewel Plummer Cobb, a biologist who worked in the field of medicine to find treatments and cures for serious illnesses, Year 5 researched Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel into space and Year 6 were fascinated by the work of Dr Charles Drew, whose work on blood banking has saved many lives. We have enjoyed finding out about these amazing individuals whose impact can still be seen today and we are looking forward to our work being displayed ready for next half term so we can continue to remember them.

Miss Sims



Harvest Donations

As part of our harvest celebrations at Danson, we were collecting for the Bexley Food Bank. The School Council have been busy bringing the donations to the hall and then helping to pack and load the vast amount of donations. Due to your wonderful generosity, we have had an amazing amount of donations that Bexley Foodbank were incredibly grateful for and will help their important work in supporting the local community. Thank you once again for your continued support.



Mrs Hodson and Mr Bowers

School Assemblies

Victoria Class Assembly

We are incredibly proud of our Victoria pupils, who absolutely shone during their recent class assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate and share all the fantastic progress they have made during this action-packed first half term.

Over the last few weeks, the children have travelled back in time to explore the fascinating world of the ancient Maya civilization in History. In Mathematics, they have shown great determination mastering place value and working confidently with larger numbers.

The assembly was a true highlight, allowing the children to proudly showcase their hard work and creativity. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate their achievements—what a fantastic start to the year!



Elizabeth Class Assembly

Elizabeth class treated us to a brilliant class assembly that cleverly brought their Autumn term learning to life through an engaging "breaking news" broadcast. The performance was packed with Elizabeth's top stories from across the curriculum, showcasing a fantastic group effort from start to finish. There was impressive artwork in the form of self-portraits alongside well-written personal narratives - which used show, not tell - in English. One particular highlight was the incredibly catchy Roman numeral song, which had everyone tapping along!

The children's hard work was evident throughout the performance: the actions to all of the songs were wonderfully clear and well-rehearsed and the singing from the entire class was absolutely brilliant! Congratulations to Elizabeth for coming together to put on such a fantastic and memorable show!



Highest attendance this term

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

Congratulations to Oak for having the best attendance of 98.9% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to Elizabeth for having the best attendance of 98.7% in Key Stage 2.

Congratulations to Ash for having the best punctuality of 99.8% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to Dahl and Barfield for having the best punctuality of 99.8% in Key Stage 2.

Year 6 Trip to Bowles

On Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th March, Year 6 visited Bowles Rocks Outdoor Activity Centre where they spent two days taking part in adventurous activities. Over the course of both days, the children were able to try their hand at skiing in the capable hands of instructors who patiently helped them master their skills. They also had the opportunity to climb on the natural sandstone rocks that form the stunning backdrop to the location using climbing equipment and the guidance of instructors to keep them safe at all times.



Other activities the children participated in included kayaking, archery, low ropes (including the zip line) and team building. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to Danson in the way they conducted themselves and embraced the challenges. We are all very proud of them for showing our growth mindset attitude and supporting one another to have a go at everything. Well done Year 6!



Sporting Update

It has been a busy few weeks of football, with plenty of opportunities for pupils to represent Danson against other schools.

Well done to Cihangir, Teddy, Jude, Teddy, Marco, Kian, Eden, William, Albert, Ayush, Joe, Leo, Sayeed, Daniel, Albert, Yug, Jaylen, Pranish, Jake, Jack and Mason, who represented the school against Belmont. It was a great opportunity for more children to take part in competitive school football.

Eleanor, Hannah, Mattea, Bella, Iveta, Cataleya, Jessica Ivy, Ivy, Uthara and Mishika represented Danson in the girls' ESFA tournament. Well done to everyone involved—we hope you enjoyed representing the school and competing against other local teams.

Thomas, Miller, Henry, Kayden, Arthur, Matas, Tommy, Zack, Harry and Joshua represented Danson in the boys' ESFA tournament.

The boys also celebrated a fantastic cup victory against Leigh Stationers, securing their place in the next round. Congratulations to the whole team!

Thank you to all the children who have represented Danson and to the families and staff supporting our sporting opportunities.

Mr Corley



Congratulations to Sara who competed at the United Nations Ju Jitsu Association World Congress and won two bronze medals!!



Congratulations to Mishika and Miraya for their tap and jazz wins!



Congratulations to Annabelle for receiving the Primary Ballet Award for hard work and progress in classical ballet



We are SO proud of you!!

Pupil Leadership Group

Head Boy and Head Girl	Mason	Mishika
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl	Arthur	Ruby

House Captains

Snowdon	Lily	Ayush
Helvellyn	Tommy	Hannah
Ben Nevis	Yug	Harper
Slieve Donard	Dilan	Uthara

School Councillors

Darwin	Derin	Chloe	Barfield	Alfie	Cara
Hawking	Eden	Ayush	Nightingale	Mason	Tallulah Belle
Franklin	Isla	Mason	Shackleton	Eren	Lily
Henry	Ava	Lilly	Pepys	Oliver	Ava
Victoria	Suhrob	Dylan	Owl	Kai	Rosie
Elizabeth	Jack	Georgia	Robin	Izaiah	Juliana
Dahl	Francis	Anyia	Sparrow	Iljas	Emily
Rowling	Myrah	Alahni	Oak	Albert	Jovie
Blackman	Yevheniia	Chris	Ash	Kit	Cassie
Kapoor	George	Lily	Elm	Lily	Shiven
Brunel	Miraya	Harley			



Sports Councillors

Darwin	Jack	Kapoor	Sangam
Hawking	Joanna	Brunel	Suleyman
Franklin	Miller	Barfield	Jayla
Henry	Kaya	Nightingale	Max
Victoria	Danielle	Shackleton	Kieran
Elizabeth	Ronik	Pepys	Charlie
Dahl	Efrata	Owl	Florence
Rowling	Noah	Robin	Ethan
Blackman	Daisy	Sparrow	Freya

Eco Councillors

Darwin	Joshua	Kapoor	Aneesh
Hawking	Harper	Brunel	Harper
Franklin	Elif	Barfield	Eric
Henry	Leonas	Nightingale	Ralph
Victoria	Nishvin	Shackleton	Mivaan
Elizabeth	Chloe	Pepys	Tiana
Dahl	Cassi	Owl	Aavya
Rowling	Kai	Robin	Arlo
Blackman	William	Sparrow	Jessie



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Darwin	Hannah	Kapoor	Frankie
Hawking	Thomas	Brunel	Primrose
Franklin	Lily	Barfield	Mya
Henry	Sophia	Nightingale	Niamh
Victoria	Shyam	Shackleton	Jayden
Elizabeth	Maggie	Pepys	Charlie
Dahl	Olivia		
Rowling	Corey		
Blackman	Ethan		





Key Messages



Safeguarding-Keeping Safe Online

The most important thing you can do is talk to your children about what they do online. Here are some tips on where to start.

Be curious: Ask about their favourite things to do online and take an interest in what they do.

Be proactive: Use things like news stories or television storylines to talk to children about what they would do if a similar issue happened to one of their friends.

Be sensitive: Use your experiences to talk about the things that might go wrong. And make sure they know they can talk to you if they're upset about something they've seen online.

Parental Controls

Parental controls are software and tools that can be installed on devices (and even home broadband) to filter content and control activities. They won't prevent children from seeing inappropriate content on other people's devices or at a friend's house, so it's still really important you talk to your children about what they may see online too.

If you need help setting up parental controls online please contact the school and we will do our best to help you.

Online Apps

Please note that there are age restrictions on social media sites. WhatsApp age restriction is 16 years old. Snap chat age restriction is 13 years old. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.

Please be aware of what your children are accessing and who they are contacting via social media/games platforms.

Use of mobile devices/cameras



Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos, recordings or videos when inside the school grounds without the prior consent of the Head Teacher to ensure the Safeguarding and Child Protection of our pupils. Use of such equipment contravenes Section 6 '**equipment and digital content section**' of the LGFL E-Safety Policy.

'The recording, taking and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is to be avoided except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Head Teacher.'

Failure to adhere to this may jeopardize attending any future school events or access to school site. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

School Uniform

Trousers and school shorts are grey
Skirts and pinafores are green.
Culottes are not permitted.
Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.

PE Uniform

White Polo Top/T-shirt
Danson green PE shorts
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Danson PE top/Danson School jumper
Plain black or white trainers

Cycling shorts are not permitted
Coloured trainers are not permitted

Residents

When parking and queuing to come into school please be respectful of our neighbours' properties.



Scooters

Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.

Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines

Please ensure you inform the office of any changes to your child's medical information and complete all necessary paperwork/checks. Staff will not administer medicine unless this is done.



Injury/Breakage

If your child has sustained a significant injury or bone breakage at home, they must be presented to the School Office with a parent/person designated by the parent to complete a Care Plan before they are reintegrated back into School. Failure to do this will result in your child not being able to attend School until this has been done.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19th October-Friday 30th October
Half Term

3rd November/4th November
Parents' Evening

11th November
Year 5 Henry Assembly@9.05am

6th November
PTA Non-Uniform Day

26th November
Rocksteady Concert@2.15pm

27th November
Rocksteady Concert@2.15pm

2nd December
PTA Christmas Fair

3rd December
Year 4 Carol Concert

4th December
Year 3 Carol Concert

8th December
Year 5 Carol Concert

8th December
Year 6 Carol Concert

9th & 10th December
Year 1 Nativity

9th & 11th December
Year 2 Carol Concert

10th & 11th December
Reception Nativity

15th December
Pantomime & Class Parties

16th December
Christmas Dinner

Last Day of Term 18th December
Early Finishing Times
Reception 12:20pm
Years 1 & 2 12:30pm
Years 3 – 6 12:40pm



Parent Workshops

3rd November @ 9am - Reception Parents-Phonics Workshops
6th November @ 9am - Emotional Development and Regulation
17th November @ 9am - Reception Parents-Maths Workshop

